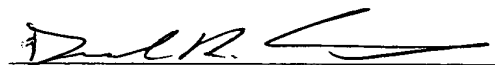


REMARKS

The Official Action dated January 11, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, Applicant hereby elects Species I drawn to Fig. 1 to which includes originally pending claims 1-5 are readable thereon. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 21-29 are likewise readable on Species I drawn to Fig. 1. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 21-29 are generic to all Species I-IV. Accordingly, claims 1-29 are presently pending in the instant application with claims 6-20 being directed to a non-elected species while claims 21-29 are generic to all species. Accordingly, with the indication of allowability of one or more generic claims of the instant application, it is hereby earnestly solicited that all claims be indicated as being allowable.

Examination on the merits is hereby earnest solicited and should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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